Objectives of the Ministry

304. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI : Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state :

(a) whether requisite pace was kept and proper directions were given to meet the objectives set forth while creating initially department for development of North East Region during 1998-99 and later elevating it to a full fledged Ministry during 2004;

(b) the budgetary allocations for 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 for development of this region; and

(c) whether the allocated amount was fully spent or part of it lapsed?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE) : (a) The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region was set up as a Department in September 2001, and was upgraded to the level of a Ministry with effect from 27th May, 2004. The Ministry has been assigned specific tasks for the development of the Region which *inter-alia* include matters relating to Planning, execution and monitoring of development schemes and projects of NER, Non-lapsable fund for the NER and North Eastern Council. The details of Ministryus schemes and programmes are available at its website : http://modoner.gov.in

(b) and (c) Details of allocation and corresponding expenditure under plan schemes of the Ministry during the last three years were as under :

Amount in Rs. Crore

2006-07		2007-08		2008-09	
Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
1350.00	1334.51	1416.00	1390.74	1455.00	1415.13 (provisional)

It can be seen that the Ministry has been able to spend 98.1 percent of its plan funds.

Compulsory afforestation fund for Chhattisgarh

305. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS :
SHRI BALWANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE :
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY :
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether more than one thousand crore rupees have been received from Chhattisgarh under uCompulsory afforestation fundu;

(b) if so, the arrangement made for its appropriation;

(c) whether the State has sent proposal for alternative afforestation, forest reforms, etc.; and